

Amendments to the Specification

Please insert the following paragraphs as indicated below:

After paragraph [0036], please insert the following paragraph.

[0036a] FIG. 21 is a sectional side view of a portion of an injection molding apparatus showing a variant of the mold block of FIG. 13 with a mold gate insert.

Please replace paragraph [0069] with amended paragraph [0069] as indicated below.

[0069] The seal piece 16c may connect to the nozzle body 16a by means of a threaded connection between a pair of mating threaded surfaces 76a and 76b on the nozzle body 16a and the seal piece 16c respectively. The seal piece 16c may contact the mold block 24 and ~~[[for]]~~form a seal therewith against melt leakage. Alternatively, as illustrated in FIG. 21, a seal piece may contact a gate insert 74. Furthermore, the seal piece 16c may align the downstream end of the nozzle 16 with respect to the gate 20.

Please replace paragraph [0090] with amended paragraph [0090] as indicated below.

[0090] The ~~[[s al]]~~ seal piece 76c holds the nozzle tip 16a in place in the bore 75, but does not have direct contact with the nozzle tip 16a. Instead, there is provided a second seal piece 16d between the seal piece 16c and the nozzle tip 16b.

Please insert additional FIG. 21 filed herewith.